

the various municipal services to the new area on the same basis as those in the existing town.

The policy of the town council of Southern Pines has traditionally been conservative in matters of extending the corporate limits of town. Only in cases where the property owners requested annexations were areas made a part of the municipality. Most of the population increase and residential, commercial and industrial development has recently occurred beyond the present corporate limits.

Any expansion of the incorporated area of town must rationally be preceded by thorough investigation and economic feasibility of annexation. Logical proposed study areas must qualify by state legislation criteria regarding urban development. Detailed financial estimates of necessary capital improvements, revenue expenditures, tax income, increased budget, utility connections, personnel resources, augmented services and public sentiment must be critically analyzed for any possible needed future programs.